



TWO ARMIES ARE DRIVING ON ITALIANS

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HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR UDINE LIKELY TO OCCUR AT ANY TIME

Canadians Administer Stinging Defeat to Forces of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, in Flanders; Enter Village of Passche ndaele but Are Later Driven Out, After Suffering Slight Losses

General Cadorna's rear guards are doing notable work in their efforts to slow up the advance of the Austro-German invaders of Northeastern Italy according to the indications in to-day's official report from Rome.

The retreat toward the line of the Tagliamento river is continuing under the protecting shield. Along the streams that thickly thread the Friuli plain and on the eminences further north the covering troops are making numerous stands and compelling the Teutons to halt and fight while the Italian cavalry continues to harass the advancing columns.

Berlin's announcement says the campaign is being developed in accordance with the Austro-German intentions.

German and Austro-Hungarian troops are driving through the plains of Veneto toward the Tagliamento river, while another army is endeavoring to break through the Italian defenses in the Carnic Alps in an attempt to outflank the Tagliamento line. Udine abandoned some days ago by General Cadorna, has been occupied by the invaders, whose advance guards are being harassed by Italian cavalry between Udine and Tagliamento.

General Cadorna apparently has succeeded in saving the bulk of the forces which occupied positions south of Tolmino, and during the last two days Berlin has made no claim of additional captures of large numbers of prisoners and guns. The line is less than 15 miles from the Tagliamento and if the Italian commander is to make a stand there, heavy fighting along that line should take place within a day or two at the latest.

Menace Not Serious The Germans threatening movement in the Carnia region has not developed greatly and seemingly is not yet a serious menace to the Tagliamento line. Vienna reports the capture from the Italians of positions at Pontafel, near the Ploekten pass and on St. Pal. These positions are on the Austro-Italian border and it is probably not unlikely that General Cadorna is preparing to draw in his lines there to better protect the line of the Tagliamento in the Ampezzo and Tolmezzo regions. Berlin reports an advance of the upper course of the Tagliamento but does not say how near the German forces are to that river.

German Gains Large Since last Wednesday the Austro-Germans have occupied more than 800 square miles of territory formerly held by the Italians. The greatest depth of the advance held from Tolmino southward from Udine a distance of about 25 miles.

The United States will give Italy what aid it can in the form of money and immediate tonnage to transport

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night and Thursday; lowest temperature to-night about 30 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cold to-night and Thursday; fresh west to south-west winds.

River All streams will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night and Thursday, except the lower North Branch, which will rise slowly to-night. A stage of about 1.7 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions The storm has passed off northward. Pressure is high over the most of the country, being lowest over the northern portion of the Lake Region, where cloudy weather with some light snow prevails on the southwest side of the receding storm. Marked falls in temperature have occurred in the Atlantic States, with freezing weather in the Middle Atlantic and frost in the South Atlantic States.

Temperature at Harrisburg fell to 28.2, exactly equalling the previous low record for October, which was on the 31st in 1893.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 30. Sun: Rises, 6:35 a. m.; sets, 5:02 p. m. Moon: Rises, 5:45 p. m. River Stage: 12 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 54. Mean temperature, 50. Normal temperature, 48.



MILLION TONS OF SHIPS TO BE BUILT BY MAR. 1

Shipping Board Says It Will Get Away With Most Impeding Task of War

Washington, Oct. 31.—American shipyards will complete 1,000,000 tons of ships by March 1, Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, today told a conference of Atlantic coast builders and government officials, called to discuss speeding up the shipbuilding program.

"We will build six million dead weight tons of ships in 1918. We are going to do it, rather than that we are going to try to do it, because anything America sets out to do she does. As a fighting nation we have a clear record for victory. We have the men, we have the money and we have a cause that is right. In striving for this new goal we are cutting up red tape. Whatever help labor needs we shall give to labor. Whatever help the shipyards need we shall give to the shipyards."

"We want the labor representatives who are here to tell us the best way to speed up this new goal. We want the shipyard representatives to tell us what they think will facilitate the work of production."

The young Americans in the trenches are offering the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Their safety and their success depend on us. Much less is required of us than of them, and I am confident that everything we have to give will be given, and I am confident that everything we have to give will be given in the same spirit of unselfishness."

Ford Stockholders Win Fight For Increased Dividends of Company

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 31.—Minority stockholders of the Ford Motor Company, to-day won the first round of their fight for increased dividends and a more important voice in the transaction of the company's business.

Circuit Judge George S. Hosmer, of Detroit, handed down a decision for the plaintiff in a suit brought by John F. Dodge and Horace E. Dodge of Detroit, against the Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford to compel Ford to disburse about \$60,000,000 of accumulated dividends to the company's stockholders.

Great Battle in Open Field Expected By the Italians

Rome, Oct. 31.—The enemy's rapid gains of the last six days are regarded as having been due not so much to superior forces as to the element of surprise.

According to the Giornale d'Italia, no decisive battle has yet been fought, although one is expected to develop. Such a battle, it is predicted, will be on a large scale and involve wide movements in the open field, in the old-fashioned way.

REFORMATION SERVICES TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Great Interdenominational Rally Will Take Place in Chestnut Street Hall

Protestant churches of the city to-night will celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation with a great rally in the Chestnut Street Hall. Every denomination will be represented, and large delegations from each church will take part in the exercises.

High Water Covers Front Steps and Menaces Light Standards on River Wall

Experienced fishermen this afternoon were anxious over river conditions which to-day had reached a stage of 12.6 feet, and was rising rapidly. This is only four and two-tenths feet below the flood stage. It is unusual for the river to be at such a high stage this time of year.

The front steps and concrete promenade along the river front were submerged by the high water last night, and so rapidly did the water rise that the light standards could not be removed, and now stand in the rapidly rising water. Anxiety is felt for the safety of the lights, as the high water is bringing with it quite a lot of debris, which might at any time tear away the supports.

GHOSTS TO WALK AND JAZZ BANDS PLAY TONIGHT

Hallowe'en to Be Celebrated Here by Many Costumed Youths and Maidens

"The Night of the Black Cat" will be widely observed here this evening. The Jazz bands will play weird music, the "ghosts will walk" and the "goblin man will get you" for to-night Hallowe'en will be celebrated.

Many dances will be held in the city have arranged special dance programs for the evening. Nearly all the various business places have adorned their windows with Hallowe'en decorations.

Police Chief Wetzel has issued the following statement: "Hallowe'en may be observed this evening. No celebration will be allowed at any other time. No rowdiness or destruction of property will be tolerated."

Eight, Off to War, to Be Given Farewell Parade by Citizens' Committee

Eight Harrisburgers, who will leave this city to-morrow morning for Governor's Island reported this morning at the Arsenal, Eighteenth and Herr streets, they will remain there until to-morrow when they will leave late in the forenoon.

The parade will start at 7 o'clock and the formation will take place in Front and Market streets. The route is as follows: Market street to Market Square, to Pine street, to Third, to Market, to the Pennsylvania station.

The men who leave are Sergeant Harvey W. Fritz, 1304 Market street; Sergeant Charles A. Madden, 1718 1/2 North Fifth street; Private William Roddy Beckwith, 32 North Second street; Private Walter J. Devine, 30 South Eighteenth street; Private Harold G. Evans, 245 Canby street; Private Edward E. Meek, 207 Calder street; Private Harry F. Rife, 130 Wallace street; Private John B. Ulmer, Middletown.

SENTIMENT FOR CITY COLLECTION OF REFUSE GROWS

Many Fear Intolerable Conditions of Last Winter May Be Repeated

STUDY SEVERAL PLANS Newly-Elected Councilmen May Be Called in to Settle Problem

Increasing sentiment in favor of the continuation of municipal collection of both ashes and garbage permanently after it is started next Wednesday was heard in the city today. Not only officials but many residents who have suffered from the almost intolerable conditions existing last winter declared it would be an unwise move to let a contract to the same firm for collecting garbage, which has not been able to handle collections of garbage and ashes and maintain regular schedules.

Commissioner Gross, who during the time of a vacancy in Council, had charge of the department in charge of the ash collection work, said today he was opposed to giving the garbage contract to the Pennsylvania Reduction Company.

Various Plans "It would be better for the city to undertake the entire collection work. I understand other persons or firms may ask for a re-advertising for bids and will submit proposals but if they do not the city should

Four Additional Officers For Park to Watch Gunners

Four additional officers have been employed by the Park Department to patrol Wildwood Park to-morrow, the opening day of the rabbit hunting season.

In former years the park rules forbidding hunting have been violated and the lives of people endangered by gunners who used their weapons recklessly. The park has been patrolled by several officers ever since the squirrel and bird season opened and the additional officers will provide a force that will enable the policemen to be in all parts of the park. Orders for arrest of all violators have been issued.

Historic Clubs Close When Nation's Capital Goes 'Dry' at Midnight

Washington, Oct. 31.—At midnight the Nation's Capital goes dry. Among the establishments closing of business to-day, under the terms of the Sheppard prohibition law, are several which served during the historic existence of more than half a century as familiar meeting-places for prominent political figures of past generations.

Washington is planning a farewell celebration and the usual carnival scenes probably will be enacted as the closing hour approaches.

Voters May Register Until Saturday Noon

The County Commissioners to-day passed a resolution deciding to receive all applications for registration for the election next Tuesday until noon on Saturday after which the books for the various districts will be closed. So far about eighty voters who had not registered on the regular days because of illness or absence from the city, have made application.

LaRue Wins Extension of Time to Evade Service

The district appeal board to-day announced that Samuel A. LaRue, the York county farmer who had filed seven unsuccessful claims for exemption from military service, has at last won his point and will not be sent to Camp Meade with the next contingent.

GERMANS DUCK INTO HOLES WHEN FIRST SHOT DROPS

Sergeant From South Bend, Ind., Claims Honor of Initial Shell

BOYS BATHED IN MUD Battle in Rain-Filled Trenches During Heavy Storms, Cheerful and Jolly

By Associated Press With the American Army in France, Monday, Oct. 29.—The first Americans to establish contact with the Germans to-day are bathing in the mud of Eastern France. They constantly are under fire and constantly have their guns on the enemy.

American shells have been hurled into German territory and they have exploded near the enemy line. On a hill to the right of the explosion, cataracts of mud are to be seen. To one side an American officer is looking out on the scene through his field glasses. He is trying to see what damage has been done by the artillery to the enemy and his barbed wire entanglements.

Closer to the enemy in the first line trenches is the infantry with the shells of both American and German guns whizzing over their heads. The men are rubber booted and ponchoed. Rain, mixed with snow, pelts them. No clothing, however, is able to withstand the wind-driven drops of rain and snow, but gunners and infantrymen, although they were wet, are satisfied, feeling that the honor of having been the first Americans in action is more than sufficient recompense for their discomfort.

The correspondent reached the American position after a long motor ride through shell-battered towns. Leaving the motor in one of the

EVERY POCKET TO FEEL WEIGHT OF HEAVY WAR TAX

Many Dealers Have Increased Price of Tobaccos in Anticipation of Levy

MOVIES TO CONTRIBUTE Telegraph and Telephone Messages and Letters Are Hit

By Associated Press Washington, Oct. 31.—This is the last day of grace from any new war taxes. With the exception of increased letter rates and tobacco taxes which go into effect Friday, the special stamp taxes on documents, legal instruments and parcel post packages which go into operation December 1, all special taxes begin to apply at midnight to-night. They include:

One cent on each dime paid for amusement admissions. Three per cent on payment for freight transportation. Eight per cent on passenger fares. Ten per cent on payment for Pullman and similar accommodations. Five per cent on all pipe line transportation. One cent for each 20 cents or fraction paid for express packages.

Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing fifteen cents or more. Various taxes on cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and wine. Ten per cent on club dues.

Tax on Premiums Eight cents on each \$100 of new life insurance and one cent on each dollar of premium paid on fire, marine

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George F. Folk and Lillie V. Hippensteel, Harrisburg; George L. Walters, South Hanover township, and Margaret E. Fenner, Hummelstown; Willis C. Sarsader and Stella M. Butts, Steelton; Benjamin E. Campbell, Bushkill, N. J., and Margaret J. Nickell, Harrisburg.

HERTLING NOT ACCEPTABLE

COPENHAGEN, OCT. 31.—A SURVEY OF THE GERMAN PRESS SHOWS COUNT VON HERTLING'S CANDIDACY IS REGARDED ON ALL SIDES EXCEPT BY HIS OWN CENTER PARTY, AS DECIDEDLY QUESTIONABLE, IF NOT AS A SUBJECT FOR GRAVE CONCERN.

THE TONE OF THE RADICAL AND SOCIALIST PRESS INDICATE GRAVE CONCERN. THE TONE OF THE RADICAL SOCIALIST PRESS INDICATES THE PROBABILITY THAT THE APPOINTMENT, IF ACCEPTED, WOULD NOT END THE LATEST CRISIS BUT WOULD OCCASION ITS REVIVAL AT AN EARLY DATE.

BERLIN, OCT. 31.—VIA AMSTERDAM—SPEAKING TO-DAY TO A CONGRESS OF WORKMEN, HERR BRAUN, UNDER SECRETARY OF THE GERMAN FOOD DEPARTMENT, TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT THE SUBSISTENCE OF GER-

MANY AGAIN HAD BEEN ASSURED FOR THE FOURTH WINTER OF THE WAR. THE GERMAN POTATO CROP, HE SAID WAS BETWEEN 4,000, 000 AND 4,500,000 TONS ABOVE THE ESTIMATE AND THE CORN SUPPLY FOR THE WINTER ALREADY HAD BEEN FULLY SECURED.

ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION Wilmington, Del., Oct. 31.—One man was killed and three injured, one seriously, in an explosion at the Du Pont Powder Works at Carney's Point, N. J., early this afternoon. Two drums of powder, containing 380 pounds, exploded from some unknown cause.

Washington, Oct. 31.—J. R. McNeil, of Plainville, Mass., who was a member of the armed guard; seven members of the crew and a French pilot, all of whom were reported missing when the American steamer Lewin Luckenbach, was sunk October 11, have been given up as lost.